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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT: KISSINGER LUSAKA DEPARTURE STATEMENT
AND PRESS CONFERENCE

1. FOR PRETORIA. THE FOLLOWING TEXT SHOULD BE RAPIDLY REPRODUCED,
REGARDLESS OF METHOD, SO THAT DISTRIBUTION CAN BE MADE
IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL AT PRETORIA AS FOLLOWS: 20 COPIES TO
EAGLEBURGER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO TRAVELLING PRESS, 10 COPIES
TO S/S CONTROL ROOM FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SECRETARY'S PARTY.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE
STATEMENT AND THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT LUSAKA INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT AT 1240 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1976

QUOTE

MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, ON BEHALF OF MY WHOLE DELEGATION, I WOULD
LIKE TO THANK YOU AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA FOR THE WARM RECEPTION

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WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE. THIS WAS NOT A STOP FOR NEGOTIATION. IT

WAS A STOP TO CLARIFY THE PRINCIPLES THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO
PRETORIA AND THAT WE HOPE WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS
JUSTICE AND PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE SPIRIT OF THE TALKS AND BY THE MORAL
SUPPORT WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE, BUT IT IS OF COURSE CLEAR
THAT THE SERIOUS NEGOTIATION LIES AHEAD OF US AND THAT THE DECISION
ON WHETHER THE OBJECTIVES OF PEACE - IN HUMAN DIGNITY - CAN BE
ACHIEVED ARE NOT GOING TO BE MADE IN LUSAKA. SO

MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, I LEAVE WITH THE DETERMINATION TO MAKE A
MAJOR EFFORT. I HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED IN THIS BY MY CONVERSATIONS
WITH YOUR PRESIDENT AND HIS ASSOCIATES, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU
ONCE AGAIN FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY RECEPTION WE HAVE HAD HERE. NOW
I WILL BE GLAD TO TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: WILL YOUR STOP IN PRETORIA BE A NEGOTIATING STOP?

KISSINGER: MY STOP IN PRETORIA I HOPE WILL MOVE MATTERS FORWARD.
SO THAT WHEN I RETURN TO LUSAKA WE WILL HAVE SOMETHING MORE
PRECISE TO WORK THAT IS THE CASE TODAY.

QUESTION: ARE YOU GOING TO SEE SMITH?

KISSINGER: I STATED LAST SATURDAY BEFORE I LEFT WASHINGTON THAT
I WOULD MEET SMITH ONLY UNDER THE CONDITION THAT THIS WAS THE
FINAL ELEMENT IN REACHING A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION. I DO NOT
HAVE THIS KNOWLEDGE TODAY, AND THEREFORE IS NO BASIS FOR
MY MEETING HIM AT THIS TIME.

QUESTION: COULD YOU SPELL THAT OUT FOR US, MR. SECRETARY?

KISSINGER: I HAVE STATED MY VIEW AND THE AMERICAN POSITION. THERE
IS NO POINT IN REPEATING IT EVERYDAY, SINCE I HAVE NOT HEARD
ANYTHING YET ABOUT THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER
AND MR. SMITH. I WILL NOT SEE MR. SMITH TO NEGOTIATE,
I WILL SEE HIM IF IT HELPS TO MOVE MATTERS TO A CONCLUSION AND ONLY
IF SOME CLEAR RESULT IS IN PROSPECT. SINCE THAT IS NOT THE CASE
TODAY, THERE IS NOTHING THAT I CAN ADD TO WHAT HAS ALREADY
BEEN SAID.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, IF YOUR NEGOTIATIONS FAIL AND
OTHER FRIENDS OF AFRICA COME TO HELP WITH THE ONLY OTHER
ALTERNATIVE OF ARMED STRUGGLE, WILL YOU STILL BE TALKING ABOUT
OUTSIDE INTERVENTION?

KISSINGER: THE UNITED STATES IS OPPOSED TO OUTSIDE INTERVENTION
IN AFRICA. ALL THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS WITH WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN
MENTIONED THEIR DETERMINATION TO DEAL WITH THESE QUESTIONS AS AN
AFRICAN PROBLEM. THERE IS NO POINT IN MY SPECULATING NOW
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ABOUT WHAT MAY HAPPEN, SINCE I HAVE NOT COME HERE TO FAIL.

QUESTION: DR. KISSINGER, WHAT ARE YOUR CHANCES NOW THAT YOU HAVE
HAD TWO VIEWS FROM TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA THAT THE ARMED STRUGGLE SHOULD
BE INTENSIFIED? WHAT ARE YOUR CHANCES IN THE EVENT OF TOTAL
REJECTION OF YOUR INITIATIVES?

KISSINGER: I DO NOT WANT TO SPECULATE ABOUT WHAT THE UNITED
STATES WILL DO IN THE CASE OF THE FAILURE OF A MISSION WHOSE
FAILURE WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE. WE STATED OUR POLICY HERE IN

LUSAKA AS SUPPORTING THE OBJECTIVES OF MAJORITY RULE, MINORITY RIGHTS, FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THESE OBJECTIVES WE WILL SUPPORT REGARDLESS OF THE SUCCESS OF ONE DIPLOMATIC MISSION.

QUESTION: WITH REGARD TO YOU TALKS WITH JOHN VORSTER: HOW NEARER IS NAMIBIA TO INDEPENDENCE?

KISSINGER: I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS OR I WOULD NOT HAVE COME HERE. I THOUGHT THAT THE PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN MADE WARRANTED THIS EFFORT BECAUSE I AGREE WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY - THAT IF WE DO NOT MAKE THIS EFFORT, AND IF PEACEFUL FAIL, THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE SOUTHERN PARTY OF AFRICA WILL BE TOO GHASTLY TO CONTEMPLATE.

QUESTION: DR. KISSINGER, ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA?

KISSINGER: I HAVE TO SEPARATE TWO PROBLEMS. ONE IS THE INTERNAL DIRECTION OF AFRICAN MOVEMENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT AFRICAN NATIONALISM WILL TAKE CARE OF ITS OWN EVOLUTION AND OF ITS OWN DIRECTION. THE SECOND PROBLEM IS OUTSIDE MILITARY INTERVENTION FROM OUTSIDE AFRICA, EITHER FROM THE SOVIET UNION OR FROM OTHER COUNTRIES SUPPORTED BY THE SOVIET UNION. THAT WE OPPOSE. THE DIRECTION OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IS A MATTER FOR AFRICANS TO SETTLE, AND WE WILL NOT INTERVENE IN THIS.

QUESTION: HAS BRITAIN GOT ANY SPECIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN YOUR INITIATIVES?

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KISSINGER: BRITAIN HAS THE LEGAL AND HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR RHODESIA. EVERY INITIATIVE THAT WE HAVE TAKEN HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THE CLOSEST COORDINATION WITH GREAT BRITAIN. AND IF MY EFFORTS EITHER ON THIS TRIP OR LATER SHOULD SUCCEED, GREAT BRITAIN WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK BY WHICH A FURTHER REVOLUTION TAKES PLACE. THIS HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY ALL OF THE PARTIES.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, I WONDER IF YOU WOULD SHARE WITH US YOUR FEELINGS AS YOU ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRIP?

KISSINGER: I BELIEVE THAT A COMBINATION OF FACTORS HAS PRODUCED A SITUATION WHERE THE UNITED STATES, ALONE IN THE WORLD, IS IN A POSITION TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO AVOIDING A CONFLAGRATION. WE HAVE THIS RESPONSIBILITY WHICH WE DID NOT SEEK. IT IS IN THE INTEREST FIRST OF THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA BUT EVENTUALLY OF ALL OF THE PPEOPLES OF THE WORLD THAT THE WORLD NOT BE DIVIDED BETWEEN RACES, THAT THERE NOT BE A RACE WAR AND THAT OUTSIDE POWE NOT MANIPULATE THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE. IF I CAN HELP ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES I BELIEVE THAT THIS REFLECTS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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VALUES OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS STOOD.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, CAN YOU BE A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IN SOUTH AFRICA?

KISSINGER: I HAVE STATED THE OBJECTIVES REPEATEDLY. WE WILL TRY TO MOVE RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE, MAJORITY RULE, MINORITY RIGHT AND A CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK IN WHICH, AS PRESIDENT KAUNDA SAID YESTERDAY, ALL THE RACES AND ALL THE PEOPLE CAN LIVE SIDE BY SIDE IN HUMAN DIGNITY.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN AMERICA S LATE ARRIVAL ON THE SCENE?

KISSINGER: THE UNITED STATES HAS GONE THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT DECADE IN WHICH IT WAS OCCUPIED WITH MANY PROBLEMS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. SECONDLY, UNTIL THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION HAD REACHED A CERTAIN POINT, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE ITS INFLUENCE FELT THE WAY IT IS ATTEMPTING TO DO NOW.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, THE FRONTLINE COUNTRIES HAVE

DISCUSSED THIS TYPE OF NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE, BUT IT FAILED. NOW THEY HAVE ADOPTED THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO INTENSIFY ARMED STRUGGLE. NOW AMERICA HAS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE LATE. ARE YOU GENUINELY SHUTTLLING DIPLOMACY OR ARE YOU SIMPLY DISPLAYING SOME KIND OF INTELLECTUAL SUPERIORITY?

KISSINGER: WELL, I DO NOT SEE HOW I CAN DEMONSTRATE INTELLECTUAL SUPERIORITY BY FAILING. I AM HERE. WHEN I WAS IN AFRICA IN APRIL, ALL OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING THIS, URGED THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE AN EFFORT. I KNOW ALL PREVIOUS EFFORTS HAVE FAILED, AND I TOLD PPRESIDENT KAUNDA THIS MORNING THAT IF WE FAIL, WE WILL JOIN A DISTINGUISHED COMPANY. BUT I ALSO SAID I HAVE NOT COME HERE TO FAIL. A JUST PEACE AND A JUST SOLUTION MUST BE ONE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA ACCEPT AND BELIEVE IN. IT CANNOT BE ONE THAT OUTSIDERS IMPOSE ON THEM. AND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DEMONSTRATING ANY PARTICULAR QUALITY.

FOREIGN MINISTER MR. MWALE: MEMBERS OF THE PRESS, IT IS MY DUTY
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AS A HOST TO ENSURE THAT MAY GUESTS KEEP TO THEIR SCHEDULE. I AM AFRAID UNLESS WE HAVE TWO MORE QUESTIONS, I WILL HAVE TO ASK THAT WE CLOSE THIS SESSION.

QUESTION: DR. KISSINGER, THERE ARE FOUR FRONTLINE STATES, THAT IS ZAMBIA, TANZANIA AND BOTSWANA AND MOZAMBIQUE, BUT THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS ONLY VISITED TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA. IS THERE ANY SPECIAL REASON WHY HE HAS NOT GONE TO MOZAMBIQUE OR BOTSWANA?

KISSINGER: ASSOCIATES OF MINE HAVE ALREADY VISITED MOZAMBIQUE, AND OTHER ASSOCIATES OF MINE WILL VISIT BOTSWANA ON SATURDAY. AND IN ANY EVENT, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE FOUR FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS. WE COUNT ON THEIR UNITY, AND WE WILL WORK WITH THEM COOPERATIVELY.

QUESTION: BUT PRECISELY, HAS JOHN VORSTER INDIECATED TO YOU AT ANY TIME THAT HE IS PREPARED TO GIVE INDEPENDENCE TO NAMIBIA?

KISSINGER: I HOPE THAT WHEN I RETURN HERE, THE PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA WILL BE BEYOND QUESTION.

MR. MWALE: MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, MADAM KISSINGER, ONCE AGAIN ON BEHALF OF THE PARTY, THE GOVERNMENT AND INDEED THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA WE WISH YOU ALL THE SUCCESS IN YOUR DIFFICULT TASK AND WISH YOU A SAFE TRIP TO PRETORIA AND BACK TO ZAMBIA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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